

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2774
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2000
DEEP TUBE WELLS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in certain parts of Madhya Pradesh, the sub- soil water level is receding at an alarming rate compelling cultivators to dig deep tube-wells;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government propose to provide additional funds to the State Government to provide subsidy to the farmers for digging deep tube-wells; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Due to spurt in tube well drilling, there has been a fast decline of ground water levels in certain pockets of all the districts. Decline in ground water levels in Malwa Plateau, Ratlam, Mandsaur, Neemuch and Ujjain Districts has been quite high.
- (c) The State Government has not submitted any proposal to the Central Government for assistance for construction of deep tube wells or asked for providing subsidy to the farmers for drilling of deep tube wells.
- (d) Does not arise.